

**HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 20 June 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: I. Aldcroft (in the Chair), S. Burke, G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, J. Scoble, C. Sears, P. Wright  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson  
2 members of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4696 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4697 Apologies from Councillors Bamforth, Rock, Walton and Williamson were noted.

TC TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST:

TC 4698 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillors Grant and Sears stated that they would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT MAY PUT QUESTIONS OR MAKE OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MATTERS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES OR WHICH AFFECT THE PARISH, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES

TC 4699 A member of the public present raised the matter of lack of publicly accessible defibrillators in Horwich town centre following personal experience. While acknowledging that there were a number of defibrillators available, the majority were not accessible to the public especially in the evening and while aware of the logistical challenges involved, a request was made for consideration of a publicly accessible defibrillator in Horwich town centre and raising awareness of existing defibrillator locations through publicity.

The member of the public was thanked for her attendance and contribution to the meeting and informed that this was a matter that Council could consider as an agenda item at the next meeting.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 10 JUNE 2024:

TC 4700 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 10 June 2024.

TO APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, BALANCE SHEET AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024:

TC 4701 Resolved to approve the income and expenditure account, balance sheet and supporting statement for the year ending 31 March 2024:

TO APPROVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS, INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND OTHER SMALLER AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2023/2024 SECTION 1 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/2024:

TC 4702 Resolved to approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement.

TO APPROVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS, INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND OTHER SMALLER AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2023/2024 SECTION 2 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2023/2024:

TC 4703 Resolved to approve the Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Governance and Accountability Return 2023/2024 Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/2024.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4704 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 5,933.47:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Comms *	Phone & internet 01/04/24 – 30/06/24	£34.38
Councillor S Chadwick	Reimbursement for purchases of supplies for painting rails	£126.00
Leach Briely Accountants	Completion of payroll to 31/05/24, auto-enrolment, real time compliance services & submission of year end declaration to HMRC to 05/04/24	£463.20
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – June	£2,453.11
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 2	£2,856.78

Payments marked \* were made by direct debit and \*\* and authorised out of committee

TO DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOLTON COUNCIL ON THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SCHED 1, PARA 8):

TC 4705 18357/24  
Higher House, Princess Road, Lostock  
Erection of s 1.8M high brick wall together with railings and sliding metal gate.

Resolved to recommend refusal, due to concerns about the effect on visibility and road safety of neighbour's driveway, impact on trees and is out of keeping with the area.

18342/24  
45 Cotswold Drive

Erection of single storey extensions at rear and side.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18155/24

2 Nuttall Avenue

Demolition of existing conservatory together with the erection of a single storey side and rear extension with porch.

Resolved to recommend approval

18199/24

Hilton Community Centre, Nuttall Avenue

Erection of a container for football storage together with 2 protective ball stop 6M fences.

Resolved to recommend refusal as it does not fully meet exception 2 of Sport England's Playing Field Policy and does not accord to paragraph 103 of the National Planning Policy Framework and is inappropriate and excessive development on an open space.

**BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

TC 4706      Contrary planning decisions were noted.

**CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS) AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS - FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

- TC 4707
- a. Ironman UK: bike route and access overview Sunday 30 June 2024.
  - b. Horwich Heritage: request to planning control for appropriate action regarding unauthorised building work being carried out at 50 Church Street, Horwich
  - c. Chorley Council: notice of refusal of planning permission for the erection of 1no detached dwelling, creation of new vehicular access & erection of gates (following the demolition of existing dwelling & outbuilding) Dryfield Cottage, Dryfield Lane, Rivington, Bolton BL6 7RT

The correspondence was noted.

**TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 18 JULY 2024:**

TC 4708      Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 18 July 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

